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CITY COMPLETES DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON SHELBY STREET

INDIANAPOLIS –The Department of Public Works announced today the completion of the Shelby Street drainage improvement project. The City installed a new storm sewer system, 38 inlets and nine bio-retention basins that will greatly reduce flooding during rain events on Shelby Street from east Murry Street to Standish Avenue.

The drainage improvement project cost approximately \$600,000.

“This project greatly reduces standing water and storm water runoff problems for area businesses and improves water quality in nearby creeks and streams,” Department of Public Works Director Lori Miser said. “Managing and maintaining our City’s storm water sewer system is critical to the cleanliness of our waterways, the safety of our neighborhoods, and the liveliness of our business districts.”

The City of Indianapolis’ storm water sewer system is a \$1.1 billion asset that serves approximately 300,000 customers in Marion County. Everyone has a role in protecting our waterways and can help by adopting the following water friendly practices:

- Disconnect downspouts and sump pumps from the sewer system.
- Don’t send fats, oils or grease down the drain.
- Clear gutters and storm sewer inlets of leaves and debris.
- Pick up pet waste.
- Properly dispose of all household hazardous waste.

To learn more about the City’s drainage system and how to report problems on public property, please visit www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/RebuildIndy/Pages/Storm-Water-Program.aspx.